

## "Behold I Set Before Thee an Open Door."

I would love to know how many of the American Preachers there are, who understand the Heading of this Article. We do not think but what every preacher, not only the American preachers but all preachers, wherever they may be. They will say that when Christ was here on earth, He set before the world an Open Door, and that no man can shut it. And we say, that this is true as far as the world is concerned.

But the language above was spoken only to the church of Philadelphia; And to none of the other six churches did he speak in the same manner. And here is where the Great Question arises.

There are seven churches of Asia named. Was the church of Philadelphia under any different government to those of the other six, in order that there had to be made such particular specifications to the "Church of Philadelphia?" And if so Why so?

In the first place we shall see what was said to the church of Ephesus. Please read.

"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and has found them liars:

And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not faint-ed.

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Remember therefore from whence thou hast fallen, and repent and do the first works: or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate." Rev. 2-1-6.

This church God said, had works and had patience, and that this church could not bear them that was evil, and they tried them that said they were apostles and were not, but they were found to be liars—Now this proves that this was in the Apostolic day. And now if this be the fact, we must find the witness thro some of the other Apostles. So please read.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ,

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Cor. 11-13-15

Also.

"But these were false prophets also among the people even as there shall be false teachers among you who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction." 2 Peter 2-1

Here are the false prophets, spoken of in the writings to the church of Ephesus. This church was in the days of the Apostles.

This church borne many things, and had much patience. And for His Name's sake labored hard, yet God found something against this church, please read

"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works: or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Rev. 2-4-5.

Here we see this Apostolic church left its first love, and fell. And this is what Paul said that it should do, please read.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed the son of perdition. + +

For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way," 2 Thes. 2-3&7.

Now we have plenty of proof that the Apostolic church should leave its first love and fall away.

And the above scriptures teach us that this falling away commenced in Peter's and Paul's time. In Rev. this is plainly set forth. And if there was to be a falling away before the coming of Christ the second time, it would of been useless for to of had John wrote that he had set before the church of Ephesus an Open Door, and say, no man should shut it.

This is not saying that Christ is not the Door. For the Shepherd must enter in, Christ by and thru the Door into the sheepfold—This is not the Door spoken of in our Text. For we have found by the Word of God, that there had to be a falling away, from the Apostolic principles.

And now leaving the church of Ephesus, we shall take a view of the church of Smyrna. Please read.

"He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

And unto the angel of the church of Smyrna write. These things saith the first and the last which was dead and is alive:

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold the devil shall cast some of you into prison that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev. 2-7-10)

The spirit said to the angel of this church that it was known of them that said that they were Jews and were not but was of the synagogue of Satan. This is a pretty looking church—claiming to be what it is not. That is pretending to be of God; but are of the synagogue of Satan. The worst kind of hypocrites. This church filled the space of time between the death of the Apostles and the time of the coming of the church of "Pergamos." The Roman church: Please read.

"And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write these things; saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

I know thy works and where thou dwellest even where Satan's seat is; and thou holdest fast my name and hast not denied my faith even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth," (Rev. 2-12-13)

He that hath the sword with two edges, says, I know thy works and that this church dwells where Satan's seat is. Another pretty church. But Satan's seat was given in this manner.

"And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard and his feet were as the feet of a bear and his mouth as the mouth of a lion and the dragon gave him his power and his seat and great authority." (Rev. 13-2)

This is the manner in which this church of Pergamos came in possession of the seat of Satan and also how it got Satan's authority and power: people has looked upon those churches as the church of Christ. But now we must see that they are man made creeds. And this church is very readily made known. For it is the church of the beast, and it holds fast to the name of Christ. And there could no church hold fast to the name any more than does the Roman church, who claims the pope to be the vicar of Christ and the true successor of St. Peter. And there is no church that can claim a stronger faith for the pope and priesthood claim to have the power to forgive sins. They claim to forgive the sinner of their sins in the place of God do what Christ would do if he were on earth. They claim to change the bread and wine into the real body and blood of Christ. No wonder that they are represented by the word to have the seat, authority and great power from Satan. And the word says that they made a martyr out of Antipas—history of the 10th. century calls him Pontanus. And we shall give you the proper name in English Christo Zelotus who was burned at Rome in the beginning of the sixteenth century in the days of Martin Luther. Who is the representative of Balac who set up a stumbling block (the one man theory) before the children of Christ. And thru this theory they have eaten things offered to idols: and the mixing up of doctrines of men means the fornication spoken of. The setting up of the one man theory by Luther who was a representative of the second beast with two horns like a lamb but spake as a dragon and this brings us up to the church of Thyatira. Please read.

And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass:

I know thy works and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works, and the last to be more than the first.

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezabel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication; and to eat things sacrificed unto idols: Rev. 2-18 19 20

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Here is the works of Martin Luther, here is where he forces upon the world the doctrine of Ballam (the one man theory) here is where they set up a theory which causes all both great and small to worship the image, here is where Martin Luther suffers that woman Jezabel the baptist church to teach and seduce God's people by a hypocritical pretension of Jezabel. And for this reason God pronounces death and famine etc. to come upon them wherein we claim has commenced in the European war ridden country; and will reach us sooner or later. But again we must look forward to the church of Sardis. Please read.

And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works that thou hast a name that thou livest and art dead.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die for I have not found thy works, that thy works perfect before God.

Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. Rev. 3-1 2-3

The spirit saith I know thy works, and that this church has a name that it is dead. Here is where we find the Jewish church just after the fall of the church, and on up till the time of the Declaration of the Independence of the United States, better known to us as the Masonic Fraternity. The Spirit directed it to be watchful. Please read.

"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God." (Rev. 3-1-2.)

The spirit said strengthen the things that are ready to die, this is an evidence that this church was negligent of its duty.

And were somewhat forgetful of what it had received and heard. And if it did not obey the command "WATCH" he would come upon them as a thief in the night. Yet the spirit speaks and says that there is a few names in Sardis that was not defiled with filthy garments, and that they should walk with him in white, because they were worthy. Leaving now the state of the church of Sardis (or Masonry) at the time of the Declaration of our Independence, in an impure state, with the few true blue, like Washington. We pass to the sixth church spoken of, please read:

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

I know thy works; behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." (Rev. 3-7-8.)

Now we have come to the most important point, of all that is spoken of in this portion of Revelation which we have just passed over. The spirit spoken to the five churches just passed by, and told that they all were wrong and that they would have to repent, if they were saved.

But to neither of them, did the spirit say that I have set before thee an Open Door, and that no man could shut it. But to the church of Philadelphia, the spirit said I have set before thee an Open Door, and that no man could shut it.

And now in conclusion of this our article we shall give our judgment on this, and if it suits the reader alright, if not it is alright. This is what we say take it for what it is worth. For we believe that when the Declaration of Independence was declared in 1776 at Philadelphia that the door of Liberty was opened, and we do not believe that there is any man that can shut it.

We believe that it was there where God through the spirit of Freemasonry opened the Door that is spoken of by Paul in this manner when he said "stand fast in the Liberty wherewith Christ has made you free." Never before nor since, has there been such a Door of Liberty opened.

Nor we do not believe that it will be ever shut by any man.

So we commit our labors to our readers for their eternal welfare. Amen.

## Home Circle Column,

We want to say a few words for the boys. We mean those wild reckless boys who have no friends. We know this is to many an unpleasant and disagreeable subject, but we must not forget that the boys make men, and our country will be governed in the future by the boys or today. We are writing about the very bad boys, and we don't mean that we are to uphold them in wrongdoings. Don't go down in the ditch with them, but lend a helping hand and help them out. Give them a kind word of cheer whenever you can. We must trust a man to save him. Make him think that he is a man, and the good that is within him strives to do the best it can.

We are too apt to distrust our fellowmen. We don't love one another as the Master bade us do. When a brother goes wrong we don't try to bring him back, but like Cain, we cry out, "Am I my brother's keeper?" You hear people say in speaking of some of these boys: "There is no good in him, he will never be any good." We don't know each other because we don't try. We are looking for faults instead of trying to find some good. We don't think you will find a boy with no good in him. We never have. We don't know why he went wrong. Maybe he was neglected at home. So many people think that anything is good enough for the boys. Start him right; give him your love

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